On motion of Mr. Clarke,

Leave was granted the committee on Finance to report a bill for the relief of all parties indebted to the State prior to the first day of January, 1861, and parties against whom suits have been instituted under the directions of the Comptroller, in pursuance of Resolution No. 20 of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the session of 1861 and 1862.

Mr. Earle presented a petition of citizens of Queen Anne's county praying relief therein mentioned;

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Earle, Holton and Tome.

A communication was received from His Excellency, Governor Bradford, by the hands of J. M. Carter, Private Secretary, endorsed, "On Executive Business."

Mr. Maund, from the committee on Judicial Proceedings, reported a bill amending the Code of General Laws, entitled Appeals;

Which was read the first time, and

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Tome, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill amending the General Law relating to revenue and taxes;

Which was read the first time, and

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Carroll, from the committee on Corporations, to which was referred the bill amending the charter of the North Branch company;

Reported it without amendment, and

It was read the second time.

Mr. Carroll, from the same committee, to which was referred the bill amending the charter of the Western Maryland Railroad company;

Reported it with the following amendment:

Amend section first by striking out all after the word "of," in line two to the word "nominate" in line three, and inserting the words "October, 1865, and annually thereafter;"

Which was read and adopted, and

The bill was read the second time; and

On motion of Mr. Tome,